

# Hearings held to see if grand jury is needed

Utah's Grand Jury Statute requires that a panel of judges selected from throughout the state will hold hearings in each judicial district every three years to determine if a grand jury needs to be summoned based upon criminal activity. The Attorney General, a county attorney, or special prosecutor appointed under UCA 77-10a-1 can also present evidence to the panel of judges based upon criminal activity to summon a grand jury. The panel of judges will hear in secret all persons claiming information justifying the calling of a grand jury. All persons appearing will be placed under oath and will be examined by the panel of judges.

The purpose of the hearing is for the judges to receive testimony to determine if reasonable cause exists for calling a grand jury. Persons appearing to testify claiming information justifying the call of a grand jury should be prepared to give evidence in support of such claims. In this regard, persons considering to testify should bear in mind that it is not the purpose of the hearing to hear and consider controversies between individual parties.

If a grand jury is summoned, the

jurors may be drawn from the state at large or any judicial district within the state.

The next grand jury panel is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the 8<sup>th</sup> District Court, Roosevelt District Court Building, 255 South State, Roosevelt, UT 84066.

Individuals who would like to tes-

## Ranger district seeks input on local mining proposal

The Duchesne Ranger District of the Ashley National Forest has received a Plan of Operations from Uintah Mountain Copper Company (UMCC) for proposed mining activity on National Forest System lands.

The proposed operation will begin in the summer of 2001. It continues and replaces a previous plan of operations for exploration. The area is located in Sections 10 and 15 T2N, R6W, USM. Access would be by existing roads and no new roads would be required. UMCC will continue to perform annual maintenance on road, hand clearing of rocks, fallen trees, and repair of minor washouts from winter snowmelt.

The proposal includes a test pit less than 0.1 acres in size. Excavation is to be a maximum depth of 43 feet. The area would be reclaimed after the excavation is completed. An estimated 650 cy of hematite ore within the test pit area will be removed and hauled from the forest. All overburden and non-ore material resulting from the test pit (about 2000 cy) remaining from exploration operations in earlier years, will be incorporated into the reclamation, with no tailing or waste resulting after completion of work.

No permanent structures are planned. Any temporary facility will be located at a camp site area previously permitted under the exploration Plan of Operations. One or two trailers (maximum 25 feet) may be used to house personnel and for use as a field office (existing power and telephone connections). Potable water will be brought to the site in 10-gallon containers. Sanitation facilities will be self-contained portable units, primarily within trailers.

Ore transfer at camp site will be done by use of temporary bins and

tify before the panel of judges on the scheduled date. To contact either the Clerk of the Court, JoAnne McKee, (435) 789-7534, or D. Mark Jones, District Court Administrator, at (801) 578-3800, at least one week prior to the scheduled date, for an appointment. Appointments are scheduled for one half hour.

Administrative Office of the Courts, 450 South State Street, PO Box 140241, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-0241 (801) 578-3800.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations during this hearing should notify the Clerk of Court, identified above, at least three working days prior to the hearing.



PAVING—The Roosevelt business is a new post master in Hurricane.

conveyors. Power for transfer equipment will be either through use of the existing distribution lines near the camp or by gas-operated engines. Sample ore will be removed from the forest so that no milling facilities or support facilities are needed within the National Forest. A copy of the plan of operation is available at the Duchesne District office.

The Duchesne Ranger District is soliciting comments on the above proposal. **Written comments will be received through May 18.** Comments should be sent to: Joseph R. Bistrski, District Ranger, Duchesne Ranger District, PO Box 981, Duchesne, UT 84021.

Additional information may be obtained at the Duchesne Ranger District Office, 85 West Main, Duchesne, UT 84021, or by telephone at (435) 738-2482.

## All but two in child s

Saying the statute of limitations had expired on eight of the abuse charges leveled against Roosevelt businessman molesting relatives and in his charge, prosecutor filed a plea agreement with Fisco, Sr.

The 63-year-old Fisco was in 8<sup>th</sup> District Court in Roosevelt Thursday, April 13, and pleaded guilty to two reduced 2<sup>nd</sup> degree felony sexual offenses. In return for his plea, the two remaining charges, which had not expired, were dismissed.

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tribal members have been tax exempt in Duchesne County and west Uintah County since 1986 following a ruling by the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals which declared the

however, the Tax Court declined to reinstate the ruling for tribal members for 1998 ruling, saying the resolve numerous issues